第57話 逃避行開始（ランナウェイスタート）

CHAPTER 57: RUNAWAY START

YOU'LL STILL HAVE TO FACE DISCIPLINARY ACTION...
...BUT AT LEAST YOU WON'T GET KILLED.
GOUTA...
...YOU SHOULD GO TO HQ AND TURN YOURSELF IN
NO.
I'M COMING WITH YOU.
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.
...PUT TOKIKO ON THEIR HIT LIST.
THE RE-EXTERMI-NATION SQUAD HAS ALREADY...
IT'S A DONE DEAL
I'M COMING WITH YOU.
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THANKS A LOT.
TOKIKO TOLD ME WHAT YOU DID.
THIS IS ALL...
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KAZUKI MUTO...
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...YOUR FAULT!

OOOOOOOOOOO
OWW!!
STOP IT, YOU TWO!!
ZING
I'D BETTER DRESS THAT FOR YOU.
HUH?
IT'S OKAY. I ALREADY ...
NO.
I WENT TOO FAR LAST NIGHT.
I'M SORRY.

.....
LOOKS LIKE WE BOTH HURT THE SAME HAND
ANYWAY
WHADDAYA SAY?
.....
OWW!!
HEY!!
TOKIKO!
TOKIKO!
YOU IDIOTS! FORGET IT!

TWO VEHICLES AND...
...ONE ABANDONED BUILDING WERE INCINERATED.
SO FAR ...
...THERE HAVE BEEN NO FATALITIES.
THE HIGHER-UPS HATE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.
BUT SHORT OF THAT, WE CAN DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING WE WANT.
SO WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?
WE HAVE ONE CLUE.

A DIRTY RAG?
I RECOVERED IT FROM THE BATTLE ZONE.
IT'S THE HANDKERCHIEF THE ROOKIE HAD WRAPPED AROUND HIS HAND.
EXCELLENT.
MY BUSO RENKIN CAN TRACK HIM FROM THAT.
AND MY BUSO RENKIN...
...CAN SET UP AN AMBUSH

WARRIOR CHIEF..
WHAT NOW?
DO YOU HAVE TO ASK?
YOU KNOW HOW I ROLL.

LIKE I ALWAYS SAY...
...THE FASTEST CAT GETS THE TASTIEST PARTS.

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GO!!
YOU'RE BEING IRRATIONAL, AS ALWAYS.
YOU HAVE NO PLAN AT ALL.
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WELL? WHAT ABOUT YOU?

...WHAT GOOD IS RATIONALITY?
HEY, OUR BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY IS POWERED BY ALCHEMY, REMEMBER? IN AN IRRATIONAL WORLD..
THAT'S RIGHT.
...IS A "VICTOR" WITH A BLACK KAKU GANE
...EVEN IF HE HASN'T FULLY TRANSFORMED..
AND DON'T FORGET, OUR TARGET THIS TIME...
THAT'S ME ALL THE WAY!
AN IRRATIONAL SITUATION CALLS FOR AN IRRATIONAL APPROACH.
...AND LET THEM KNOW THAT VICTOR III IS STILL KICKIN'.
GO BRIEF HEAD-QUARTERS ...

SO...
三浦屋
I THINK THEY REALLY JUST WANTED TO BE ALONE AND MAKE STRAWBERRY-TIME FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER.
NO WAY. THEY ACTUALLY WENT TO LOOK FOR THE LEGENDARY "LOST STRAWBERRY."
ACTUALLY, THEY WENT TO PICK SOME STRAWBERRIES!
... THEY WENT TO A VILLAGE TO GROW SOME STRAWBERRIES.
COMBAT
THAT'S RIGHT.
I JUST GOT WORD FROM HEAD-QUARTERS.
HELLO .. SAKIMORI?
...IS STILL ALIVE!
KAZUKI MUTO...

AAAAH!!!
WHAT IF WE TELL HIM THEY'RE ON A TRIP TO HAWAII?
I JUST FOUND OUT MYSELF.
YOU DON'T THINK HE'S BUYING THE STRAWBERRY STORY?
HE KNOWS WE'RE LYING!
YOU SOUND RELIEVED.
.....
I'LL DROP THE KIDS OFF AND COME AT ONCE.
DON'T PLAY DUMB.
HUH?
DON'T FORGET ...
WE WERE PARTNERS ONCE
YOUR HEART'S NOT IN THIS. I CAN HEAR IT IN YOUR VOICE.

HONESTLY!
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE CHILDREN!
I EXPECTED BETTER FROM THE BOTH OF YOU!
I'M GOING TO WITHDRAW MONEY FROM THE ATM BEFORE THEY FREEZE MY ACCOUNT. WAIT HERE.
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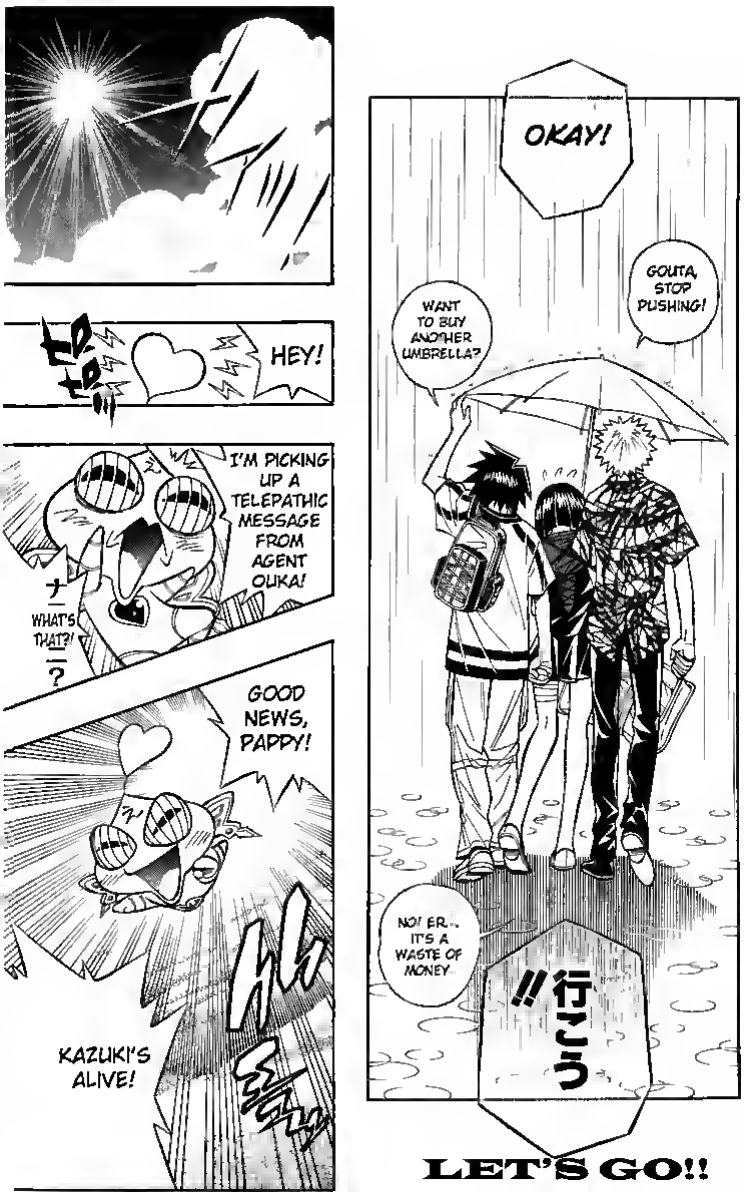
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR YOU
THE TRUTH IS..
..I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU!

I THINK I'M GOING TO GET ALONG WITH YOU JUST FINE.
YOU KNOW ..
TOKIKO'S THE ONLY ONE I CARE ABOUT!!
AND I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME, EITHER!

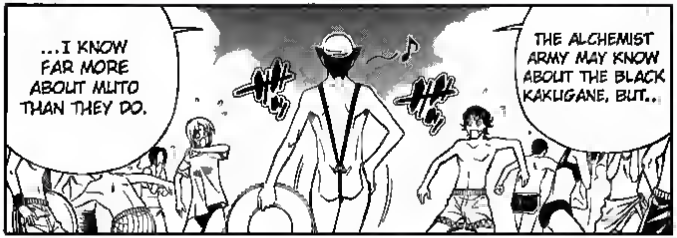
NO WAY!!
WIP
COME ON, LET'S SHAKE.

AT LEAST WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY FOR A WHILE.
OKAY, IT WORKED.

PARDON ME.
STAY AS DRY AS YOU CAN YOU'LL HEAL FASTER.
HMM ...


OKAY!
GOUTA, STOP PUSHING!
WANT TO BUY ANOTHER UMBRELLA?
NO! ER... IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY
!! 行こう
LET'S GO!!
HEY!
I'M PICKING UP A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE FROM AGENT OUKA!
WHAT'S THAT?!
GOOD NEWS, PAPPY!
KAZUKI'S ALIVE!

AAAAH!!
I-IT'S NOTHING...
WHAT'S WRONG?
I JUST FELT NAUSEOUS FOR A SECOND THERE
GOZEN?
WHAT HAPPENED, GOZEN?
BLUPBLUPBLUP
SINCE WE'RE ALREADY AT THE BEACH, IT WOULD BE A SHAME NOT TO TRY OUT MY FABULOUS NEW SWIMSUIT.
IT'S GETTING LATE BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.
I THOUGHT SO.



ESTIMATED TIME UNTIL KAZUKI MUTO PERMANENTLY TRANSFORMS INTO A VICTOR:

41日（推定）

Height 175 cm Weight 63 kg
Born April 19 Aries Blood Type AB Age 17
Likes Tokiko Tsumura turquoise blue color Hawaiian shirts
Dislikes Junk food enemies of Tokiko
Hobby All kinds of aquatic sports
Special Ability He can do anything for Tokiko
Affiliations Alchemist Army Warrior (Rookie)

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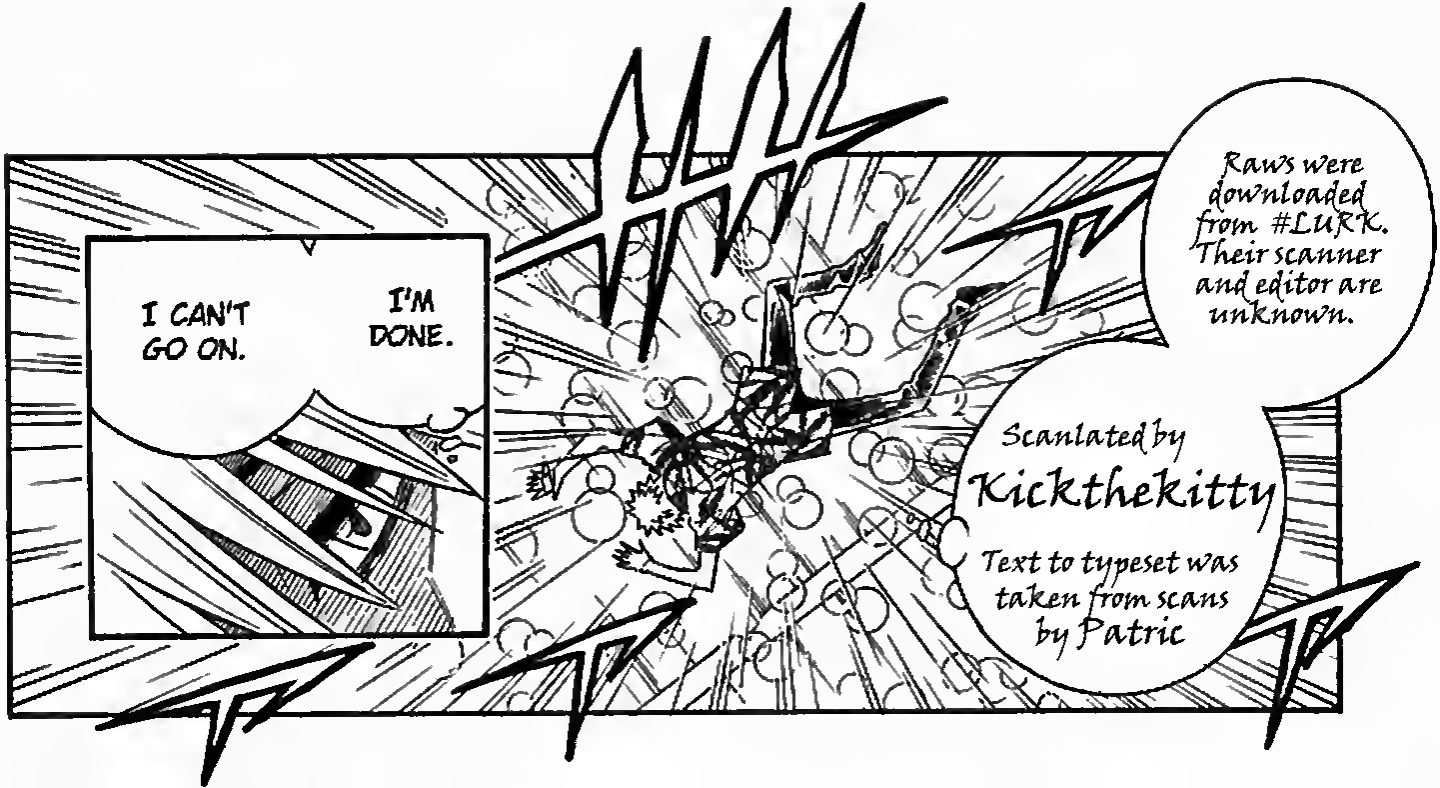
GOUTA NAKAMURA

Author's Notes

Gouta was originally supposed to be the sidekick of the main character of my series *Gun Blaze West*. His main theme was supposed to be "love."
I had a rough idea for this character even before I started this series. Originally he was supposed to be a student at Ginsei Academy who becomes an Alchemist Warrior like Kazuki. I was going to have him be in love with Mahiko instead of Iokiko. But things change and with all of last year's work, he ended up being the way he is now.
Gouta is very much a realist. The only fantasy in his life is Tokiko. He will remain loyal and devoted to her no matter what happens. A character whose sole motivation is the love of a girl is new for me, but I really enjoy drawing him. He's become one of my favorite characters.
I really don't think his chances with Tokiko are very good, but maybe they can at least be good friends.


I CAN'T GO ON.
I'M DONE.
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